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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GE, US

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON HONECKER

REF: BERLIN 6510 (NOTAL)

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH HONECKER, AMBASSADOR SHOULD BE
GUIDED BY 1976 POLICY GUIDELINES CABLE (STATE 208053)
WHICH IS MOST UP TO DATE STATEMENT OF OUR APPROACH
TO RELATIONS WITH THE GDR. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE
INTERESTED IN REPEATING TO HONECKER THE LONG TERM
IMPORTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL HANDLING OF THE CONSULAR
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AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES. AMBASSADOR MIGHT ALSO WISH

TO REMIND HONECKER THAT DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WILL BE HUNG UP ON CONSULAR/TRADE OFFICES ISSUE ONLY IF GDR INSISTS ON ADOPTING SUCH AN APPROACH. PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN TRADE WITHOUT FORMAL UNDERSTANDINGS OR ADDITIONAL OFFICES.

2. SPECIFIC POINTS AMBASSADOR MIGHT WISH TO RAISE, AS APPROPRIATE, INCLUDE:

A. AGRICULTURAL SALES: WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONTINUE TO STUDY GDR REQUEST FOR A LONG-TERM GRAIN SALES AGREEMENT. WE WILL GIVE A FORMAL RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

B. CLAIMS: DRAWING ON GUIDANCE IN STATE 208053, AMBASSADOR SHOULD REITERATE OUR NEED FOR ACCESS TO GDR RECORDS TO ENABLE PREPARATION OF AN AUTHENTIC LIST OF CLAIMS. AMBASSADOR MAY ALSO WISH TO REFER TO NEED FOR GENUINE DIALOGUE BETWEEN GDR AND JEWISH CLAIMS ORGANIZATIONS AND TO SUGGEST TO HONECKER THAT MATTERS WOULD BE FACILITATED IF HE WOULD REPLY TO NAHUM GOLDMANN LETTER.

C. CULTURE: GDR'S WILLINGNESS TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WOULD BE DEMONSTRATED IF THERE WERE MORE RECIPROCITY IN OUR OFFICIAL BILATERAL CULTURAL RELATIONS. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN OPEN TO CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS AND VISITS BY SCHOLARS FROM THE GDR. WE BELIEVE THE GDR SHOULD BE WILLING TO DO MORE TO FACILITATE US CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS.

D. CSCE: INTEREST IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HELSINKI DOCUMENT--ESPECIALLY BASKET III--CONTINUES HIGH IN THE UNITED STATES. CONGRESS HAS NOW BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SURVEYING IMPLEMENTATION AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF CSCE WILL INCREASE AS THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN DEVELOPS. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO SUPPORT CSCE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL PROCESS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS. HOWEVER, THE JUDGEMENT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON CSCE WILL BE DETERMINED CONSIDERABLY BY THE PRACTICAL RESULTS WHICH

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ARE ACHIEVED. WE BELIEVE THE GDR CAN AND SHOULD DO MORE TO FULFILL THE COMMITMENTS SET FORTH IN BASKET III.

E. POSTAL NEGOTIATIONS: IF HONECKER RAISES CANCELLATION OF APPELATE VISIT (STATE 205152), AMBASSADOR SHOULD NOTE THAT THE US DOES BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR POSTAL OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS

UNTIL POLITICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE DRAFT AGREEMENT
HAVE BEEN IRONED OUT. WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SATISFIED
TO HAVE THE AGREEMENT HANDLED ENTIRELY IN POSTAL
CHANNELS. IT WAS THE GDR WHICH RAISED THE POLITICAL
ISSUES OF CSCE AND THE NON-REFERENCE TO US OVERSEAS
TERRITORIES. IN THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE, THE DEPARTMENT
HAS PROPOSED A MEANS OF SOLVING THESE POLITICAL PROBLEMS
(STATE 190160). -IF THE GDR CAN GIVE US A POSITIVE --
RESPONSE, WE BELIEVE THE AGREEMENT CAN BE CONCLUDED
RAPIDLY. KISSINGER

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